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SUBJ: CIVAIR: MAC CONTRACT CHARTER

1. CONTROLLER AIR SERVICES POLICY INFORMED EMBASSY
ECON/COMM COUNSELOR THAT GNZ CIVAV AUTHORITY HAD RECEIVED
REQUEST TO APPROVE CAPITAL AIRLINES MAC CONTRACT CHARTER
FLIGHT TO PICK UP 165 MILITARY AT CHRISTCHURCH AS PART OF
DEEPFREEZE OPERATION.

2. CONTROLLER ASKED WHY THIS CHARTER WASNT GIVEN TO
PANAM, WHICH OPERATED SCHEDULED SERVICE TO NZ. HE POINTED
OUT THAT PANAM WAS OPERATING IN AND OUT OF NZ AT WELL
BELOW FULL PASSENGER LOADS AND COULD PROBABLY QUITE WELL
USE THE EXTRA REVENUE. HE SAID HE HAD NOTIFIED PANAM OFFICE
IN AUCKLAND THAT GNZ WAS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE PANAM TO
DIVERT TO CHRISTCHURCH ONE OR TWO OF ITS AIRCRAFT WHICH
ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND ON REGULAR SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO PICK
UP THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED AND FLY THEM TO AUCKLAND WHERE
THE AIRCRAFT WOULD RESUME THE REGULAR SCHEDULED FLIGHT
TO THE US. HE REFERRED TO A ONE-HALF (MILITARY)
TARRIFF.

3. THE CONTROLER SAID HE HAD HELD UP ACTION ON THE
CAPITAL LANDING REQUEST TO ALLOW PANAM AUCKLAND TO QUERY
ITS NEW YORK OFFICE WHETHER THE ABOVE MIGHT BE FEASIBLE.

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4. PANAM AUCKLAND OFFICE CALLED ECON/COMM COUNSELOR

TO SAY PANAM NEW YORK HAD BEEN ADVISED BUT THAT THERE HAD
BEEN NO REPLY YET. ALSO, GNZ HAD NOW ADVISED OF A
SIMILAR NORTH WEST AIRLINES LANDING REQUEST FOR A MAC
CONTRACT CHARTER.

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO
HANDLE THIS GNZ CIVAIR "FRIENDLY GESTURE" TOWARD PANAM.
PERHAPS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE METHOD OF CONTRACTING
MAC CHARTERS WOULD HELP. IF GNZ CIVAIR PREPARED TO ALLOW
AS MATTER OF STANDARD PROCEDURE PANAM AIRCRAFT ON SCHEDULED
NZ FLIGHTS TO MAKE SIDE-TRIPS TO CHRISTCHURCH ON MAC
CONTRACT CHARTER WOULD THIS CONFORM TO OR BE PERMITTED
UNDER MAC CONTRACT CHARTER PRCEDURES?
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